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SUBJECT: FOUL-UP ON MANSFIELD-VALEO PRESENTATION BOOKS

FOR BLACKBURN FROM EA/PRCM BROOKS

1. IN MID-OCTOBER SEVERAL BOXES STASHED AWAY IN A BACK OFFICE OF EA/PRCM WERE FOUND TO CONTAIN PRESENTATION BOOKS, WITH LETTERS DATED SEPTEMBER 1972, TO VARIOUS PRC FIGURES FROM SENATOR MANSFIELD AND SECRETARY OF THE SENATE VALEO. HUMMEL AND WRIGHT (H) DISCUSSED THE PROBLEM WITH MANSFIELD AND VALEO ON NOV. 7 AND IT WAS AGREED THAT GIFTS WOULD BE SENT TO USLO FOR DELIVERY ALL TOGETHER TO MFA ALONG WITH LETTER FROM USLO STATING THAT DEPT TAKES BLAME FOR THEIR VERY LATE DELIVERY. (FYI: BOOKS, WE'VE LEARNED, HAD BEEN SUPPLIED AT INITIATIVE OF USIA; THE RECIPIENTS HAVE NO REASON TO EXPECT THEM--OR TO WONDER AT THEIR LATENESS.)

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2. GIFTS ARE BEING SENT BY UNCLASSIFIED AIR POUCH IN 25

PACKAGES, REGISTRY NOS. 2089101 THROUGH 2089125.

3. TEXT OF LETTER TO BE PRESENTED TO MFA UPON DELIVERING BOOKS MIGHT READ AS FOLLOWS: QUOTE: THE 25 PARCELS DELIVERED ON THIS DATE TO THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA CONTAIN BOOKS WHICH

SENATOR MANSFIELD AND SECRETARY OF THE SENATE VALEO HAD SENT IN THE FALL OF 1972 TO THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE FOR FORWARDING TO THE ADDRESSEES. AS THE LETTERS ACCOMPANYING EACH GIFT INDICATE, THE SENATOR AND MR. VALEO WISHED BY THIS MEANS TO EXPRESS THEIR APPRECIATION FOR THE HOSPITALITY EXTENDED TO THEM DURING THEIR VISIT TO THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA IN THE SPRING OF 1972.

4. THE FORWARDING OF THE GIFTS WAS DELAYED FOR MANY MONTHS OWING TO AN ADMINISTRATIVE ERROR WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE. THE SENATOR AND MR. VALEO JOIN THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE IN EXPRESSING REGRET AT THIS VERY LATE DELIVERY OF THE GIFTS, FOR WHICH THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE ACCEPTS FULL RESPONSIBILITY. UNQUOTE CASEY

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